GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY
LOK SABHA

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GROUP OF MINISTERS ON WTO
V. VETRISELVAN

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have constituted Group of Ministers for speedy decisions on WTO;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the issues would be discussed by the Group; and

(d) the extent to which the Group would placed India`s views on agriculture in the coming WTO negotiation in Mexico next year?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI RAJIV PRATAP RUDY)

(a) to (d) : Yes, Sir. The Government has constituted a Group of Ministers consisting of Minister of Finance and Company Affairs, Minister of Law and Justice, Minister of Commerce and Industry, Minister of Agriculture and Minister of External Affairs for finalising the strategy to be followed during the negotiations on agriculture in the World Trade Organisation (WTO) and to take appropriate decisions from time to time within the overall approach approved by the Cabinet Committee on WTO Matters.In the negotiations on agriculture which are scheduled to be concluded by 1 January 2005, the Government has presented proposals to safeguard the interests of Indian farmers.